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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims as follows:

--37. (New) A method for introducing a substance into cells comprising incubating one or more cells with a compound as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the compound is associated with a pharmacological agent or a genetic material.

38. (New) The method of Claim 37, wherein the compound is associated with a pharmacological agent selected from the group consisting of non-peptide drugs, proteins, peptides, steroids and hormones.

39. (New) The method of Claim 37, wherein the compound is associated with a genetic material selected from the group consisting of DNA, RNA, oligonucleotides, and nucleic acids.